

[Draft] Minutes of the Bellevue Meeting of ISO/IEC JTC 1/SC 34/WG4, 2009-09-13/15

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1. Opening remarks

The meeting started at 10:10 on Sunday. The convener, Murata-san, welcomed everyone to Bellevue, Washington, USA, for the fourth face-to-face meeting of WG4.

2. Roll call of delegates

The following members were present (* indicates attendance by phone):

Name	Affiliation	Employer/Sponsor
Toshiko Kimura	SC 34 Secretariat	Japan Standards - ITSCJ
Makoto Murata	WG4 Convener	International University of Japan
Paul Cotton	CA	Microsoft
DongLin Wang	CN	Beijing Sursen International Information Technology Co. Ltd.
Liu Ning Sheng	CN	Beijing Sursen International Information Technology Co. Ltd.
Pia Elleby Lange	DK HoD	Danish Standards
Jasper Bojsen	DK	Microsoft
Mogens Kuehn Pedersen	DK	CBS
Jesper Lund Stocholm *	DK	Ciber
Rex Jaeschke	Ecma HoD, Project Editor	Consultant
Isabelle Valet-Harper	Ecma (TC45 co-chair)	Microsoft
Doug Mahugh	Ecma	Microsoft
Shawn Villaron	Ecma	Microsoft
Johann Granados Urena	Ecma	Staff DotNet

Name	Affiliation	Employer/Sponsor
Caroline Arms*	Ecma	US Library of Congress
Juha Vartiainen	FI HoD	Finnish Standards
Kimmo Bergius	FI	Microsoft
Mohamed Zergaoui	FR HoD, liaison from XML Guild and W3C	Innovimax
Klaus-Peter Eckert	DE HoD	Frauenhofer Fokus
Francis Cave	GB HoD	Francis Cave Digital Publishing
Alex Brown	GB	Griffin Brown Digital Publishing Ltd.
Gareth Horton	GB	Datawatch
P. Madhav	IN HoD	Institute of e governance
Andrea Valboni	IT HoD	Microsoft
Naoki Ishizaka	JP HoD	Microsoft
Toshiya Suzuki*	JP	Hiroshima University
Seung Yun Lee	KR	ETRI
Shazhad Rana	NO HoD	Microsoft
Keld Jørn Simonsen	NO	RAP
Grantham Daniels	ZA HoD	South African Standards - SABS
Johann Eksteen	ZA	Microsoft
Dave Welsh	US	Microsoft
Andrew Rist	US	Oracle
John Peltonen	US	3Sharp
Jeffrey Chen	Invited guest (SME on MCE)	Microsoft
Zeyad Rajabi	Invited guest (SME on Custom XML)	Microsoft
Brian Jones	Invited guest (SME on MCE and Custom XML)	Microsoft

14 NBs and 3 Liaison were represented.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The following items were added to the agenda (under “Other Business”), which was then adopted by unanimous consent:

- Request from W3C to review their Candidate Recommendation [1], "Widgets 1.0: Packaging and Configuration" (23 July 2009), in their liaison letter [2].

- Jesper's presentation on the use of assembla.

4. Administration

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes [WG N 0084]

The minutes from the 2009-08-27 teleconference were adopted by unanimous consent as published.

Outstanding Action Items

1. Rex will ask Ecma if it can provide public read-only access to the current mail archive. **A possible solution is still being tested**
2. Rex and Murata-san will see if the assembla system can be used to track schema changes. **Pending**
3. Shawn will get and distribute a copy of the schema containing foreign attributes, which was initially used to generate the strict and transitional schema versions. **Pending**
4. Jesper will explore the assembla system further as to its suitability for our work. **Done. He circulated a written submission, and requested time to present it at noon, local time (PDT), on Monday.**
5. Doug will see if he can get initial responses for the Open Font-related DRs for review in Seattle. **Pending**
6. Alex will produce a guidelines document regarding the relationship between Transitional and Strict. **Done**
7. Shawn will investigate the possibility of having Live Meeting available for members not attending the Bellevue meeting in person. **Done**

Report from the WG4 Secretariat

The following NBs and liaisons have registered delegates to WG4: CA, CI, CN, CZ, DE, DK, Ecma, FI, FR, GB, IN, IT, JP, KR, NL, NO, PL, and ZA. All requests for additions, deletions, and changes to the delegate list should be sent to the WG4 Secretariat (rex@RexJaeschke.com).

For information about accessing the email list, and the document and email archive, please consult document WG4 N 0014 (2008).

Access to the documents on the Ecma site is restricted to registered members. For those documents that are to be made available to the public, Murata-san has provided copies of them at <http://www.itscj.ipsj.or.jp/sc34/wg4/>.

5. Markup Compatibility and Extensibility

Jeffrey Chen, a subject matter expert on MCE at Microsoft, gave a presentation on that topic.

Action: Rex will make Jeffrey's presentation a committee document. ([Done, see N 0087](#))

6. Custom XML and Smart Tags

Zeyad Rajabi, a subject matter expert on custom XML markup at Microsoft, gave a presentation on that topic.

Action: Rex will make Zeyad’s presentation a committee document. ([Done, see N 0088](#))

7. Defect reports

The latest version of the DR log was circulated as WG4 N 0083. The status of DRs at that time was as follows:

Status	Count
Open	20 (20 technical, 0 editorial)
Further Consideration Required	85 (77 technical, 8 editorial)
Last Call	0 (0 technical, 0 editorial)
Closed, to be incorporated in COR2	0 (0 technical, 0 editorial)
Closed, to be incorporated in AMD2	0 (0 technical, 0 editorial)
Closed, incorporated in COR1	175 (85 technical, 90 editorial)
Closed, incorporated in AMD1	24 (24 technical, 0 editorial)
Closed without action	9 (6 technical, 3 editorial)
Total	313 (212 technical, 101 editorial)

Media Types

We have a number of DRs pertaining to media types. Murata-san provided an overview of the purpose of media types and the process for registering them with IANA. It was agreed that many media types in OOXML do not follow the guidelines of IETF MIME RFCs.

Some members asked how important such registration was.

There was concern about breaking existing implementations.

Action: Murata-san will circulate his presentation as a committee document. ([Done, see N 0086](#))

Murata-san gave a summary of the open DRs relating to media types

Action: Murata-san will look at writing an RFC for registering a generic OPC package media type and establishing a naming convention (such as "+opczip") for specialized media types derived from OPC.

DR-09-0034 — General: Numerous media types should be registered at IANA

Murata-san is still working with IANA on this.

DR-09-0160 — SML and Shared ML: Lack of Specialized Media Types

The current design may well be inconsistent, but it is not defective.

Closed without action.

DR-09-0161 — Shared ML: Digital Signature Origin Part Media Type

Although OOXML abuses MIME here, it was agreed that we cannot fix this "media type" without breaking existing OOXML documents. It was also agreed not to register this "media type", since it is likely to be rejected by IANA.

Closed without action.

DR-09-0162 — Shared ML: Printer Settings Part Media Types

Although OOXML abuses MIME here, it was agreed that we cannot fix this "media type" without breaking existing OOXML documents. It was also agreed not to register this "media type", since it is likely to be rejected by IANA.

Closed without action.

DR-09-0163 — VML: Drawing Part Media Type

The current design may well be inconsistent, but it is not defective.

This media type still has to be registered at IANA. Murata-san will take care of this.

DR-09-0164 — WML: Alternative Format Import Part Media Type

It was noted that we might use the +[opczip](#)-~~OPC~~-zip naming convention.

No progress.

DR-09-0165 — SML and PML: Lack of Media Types

It was noted that we might use the +[opczip](#)-~~OPC~~-zip naming convention.

We need to register these media types.

DR-09-0166 — SML: Custom Property Part Media Type

Although OOXML abuses MIME here, it was agreed that we cannot fix this "media type" without breaking existing OOXML documents. It was also agreed not to register this "media type", since it is likely to be rejected by IANA.

Closed without action.

DR-09-0167 — SML: Embedded Control Persistence Part Media Type

We still need to do this.

Furthermore, Microsoft is requested to register this media type.

Font-Related Issues

DR-09-0012 — Parts, Font Part: Incomplete definition for Font Part

Shawn presented the solution as proposed in the DR log. This approach was accepted.

Action: Shawn and Murata-san will review the proposed text.

Action: Once the final wording has been accepted, Shawn will register the obfuscatedFont content type.

DR-09-0036 — Shared, Parts, Font Part: Inappropriate media types

Although application/x-fontdata and application/x-font-ttf are inappropriate, it was agreed that we cannot fix these media types without breaking existing OOXML documents. Note that W3C continues to use application/x-www-form-urlencoded probably for the same reason. Since application/x-fontdata and application/x-font-ttf are in the special x. tree, they cannot be registered.

Shawn proposed that we close this without action. Agreed.

Action: Shawn will create a new DR to define the two existing media types.

DR-09-0039 — Shared, Parts, Font Part: File format for "bitmapped font" is missing

Although another media type for Embedded OpenType Format has been already registered at IANA, we continue to use application/x-fontdata for the compatibility with existing OOXML documents.

Shawn presented a solution. Closed as proposed.

DR-09-0040 — WML/DML: Complex scripts

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

DR-09-0041 — WML, Fonts: Font resource search

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

DR-09-0042 — WML, Fonts: notTrueType attribute missing from list

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

DR-09-0043 — WML, Fonts: notTrueType attribute and bitmap fonts

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

DR-09-0045 — WML, Fonts: Character encodings of font names

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed,

Two issues were identified during the discussion:

1. How do we determine the first font?
2. We need to change the word “parser” to “processor”

DR-09-0046 — WML, Fonts: Misleading example

Shawn presented a solution. Closed as proposed

DR-09-0047 — WML, Fonts: Identifying a face in an embedded font file

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

DR-09-0049 — WML, Fields: SYMBOL switch proper charset name usage

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

DR-09-0058 — DML, Main: Possible values of attribute script are unclear

Shawn presented a solution. Closed as proposed.

DR-09-0059 — DML, Main: Clarify relationship between the symbol font and Symbol character set

Shawn presented a solution. However, more work is needed.

Custom XML Markup

Zeyad Rajabi, a subject matter expert on custom XML markup at Microsoft, proposed responses for the following DRs ([see N 0088](#)):

DR-09-0028 — WML, Custom XML and Smart Tags: Tighten data types

DR-09-0212 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags

DR-09-0219 — WML: Custom XML Attribute

- ~~Create a new simple type ST_XmlName with restriction set to NCName~~
- ~~We should change the name and element attributes to by of type ST_XmlName~~
 - ~~Change should be made to both transitional and strict~~
 - ~~No backwards compatibility issue~~
 - ~~This change affects the following elements~~
 - ~~attr @name (§17.5.1.1)~~
 - ~~attr @name (§17.5.1.2)~~

- ~~customXml @element (§17.5.1.3)~~
- ~~customXml @element (§17.5.1.4)~~
- ~~customXml @element (§17.5.1.5)~~
- ~~customXml @element (§17.5.1.6)~~
- ~~smartTag @element (§17.5.1.9)~~
- ~~Create a new simple type ST_Uri with restriction set to xs:anyURI~~
- ~~We should change the uri attribute to have ST_Uri type~~
 - ~~Change should be made to both transitional and strict~~
 - ~~Minor backwards compatibility issues~~
 - ~~This change affects the following elements~~
 - ~~attr @uri (§17.5.1.1)~~
 - ~~attr @uri (§17.5.1.2)~~
 - ~~customXml @uri (§17.5.1.3)~~
 - ~~customXml @uri (§17.5.1.4)~~
 - ~~customXml @uri (§17.5.1.5)~~
 - ~~customXml @uri (§17.5.1.6)~~
 - ~~smartTag @uri (§17.5.1.9)~~
 - ~~schema @uri (§23.2.1)~~

Members liked the direction of the ~~proposed~~ changes [proposed in N 0088](#). [A revised proposal will be forthcoming.](#)

DR-09-0191 — Custom XML Schema: Allowed attribute values

- ~~Create a ST_Uri with restriction set to xs:anyURI~~
- ~~We should change the schemaLocation and manifestLocation attributes to have ST_Uri type~~
 - ~~Change should be made to both transitional and strict~~
 - ~~Minor backwards compatibility issues~~
 - ~~This change affects the following elements~~

- ~~schema @schemaLocation (§23.2.1)~~
- ~~schema @manifestLocation (§23.2.1)~~

Members liked the direction of the ~~proposed~~ change [proposed in N 0088](#). [A revised proposal will be forthcoming.](#)

DR-09-0207 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags
DR-09-0208 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags
DR-09-0209 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags
DR-09-0210 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags
DR-09-0211 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags
DR-09-0213 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags
DR-09-0216 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags

These DRs involve changes to §17.5, “Custom Markup”, and/or §17.5.1, “Custom XML and Smart Tags”. Although Zeyad submitted some suggestions for such changes ([see N 0088](#)), more work is needed. [A revised proposal will be forthcoming.](#)

DR-09-0209 — WML: Custom XML and Smart Tags

The first bullet on p. 529 has, "The first of these is the namespace for this smart tag (contained in the uri attribute). This allows the smart tag to specify a URI which should identify the namespace of this smart tag to a consumer."

What is the effect of omitting this attribute? Is the implied element conformant to XMLNames? Is it permitted for the attribute to be something other than a URI?

Also, correct, "which should identifies [sic]".

[A revised proposal will be forthcoming.](#)

DR-09-0221 — WML: Custom XML Attribute

- ~~We should add the following text to Part 1: §17.5.1.1, “attr (Custom XML Attribute)”, p. 531~~

~~The presence of two or more attr elements with identical name and uri attribute values, including attr elements with identical name attribute values and an empty or omitted uri attribute, shall be considered non-conformant.~~

-Members liked the direction of the ~~proposed~~ change. [proposed in N 0088](#). [A revised proposal will be forthcoming.](#)

DR-09-0249 — Custom XML markup: well-formedness and validation

- It is a consumer defined operation to extract XML documents from custom XML markup. The standard allows for the uri attribute to be omitted or specified for custom XML elements and attributes. If uri is

specified for custom XML elements or attributes then a consumer should add a prefix to the output XML elements or attributes. If uri is omitted for custom XML elements or attributes then a consumer should not add a prefix to output XML elements or attributes.

- The result of extracting XML from custom XML markup should always return well formed XML. In addition, custom XML markup within Open XML, if added according to the standard, should never create a non-conformant Open XML document.
- The result of extracting XML from custom XML markup can return an invalid document. For example, a user may need to create a document that contains custom XML markup in multiple sessions of an application. After each session the user saves and closes his document. There may be times where the user needs to save his document, even if the custom XML markup is not valid according to the custom XML schema. Such documents will not cause Open XML to be non-conformant as long as the custom XML markup was added according to the standard. Custom XML elements/attributes are stored using the customXML and attr elements as specified by Open XML. Custom XML elements/attributes are stored as name attributes on customXML and attr elements. In other words, having non-conformant custom XML does not cause Open XML to be non-conformant.

Members liked the direction of the proposed change, but no decisions were made. A revised proposal will be forthcoming.

8. Conformance Testing and Methodology

Alex presented his paper, and this was followed by a short discussion. No decisions resulted.

Action: Alex will submit his paper for posting as a committee document.

9. The Relationship between "Transitional" and "Strict"

Alex presented a revised version of his paper from Copenhagen.

Much of the discussion that followed was about the suggestion that not allowing future innovation into the Transitional class was a significant impediment to implementers using Transitional as a bridge to Strict.

Action: Alex will submit his paper for posting as a committee document.

There was also discussion about how Part 4 might be changed, so it can be used as a stand-alone document rather than being a set of edits to Part 1.

Action: Shawn, Alex, Dave, and Mohamed will prepare one or more submissions on this topic.

10. Environments for Maintaining Schemas

This was discussed very briefly. No decisions or action items resulted.

11. Planning for Future Projects

1. Technical differences between ECMA-376:2006 and ISO/IEC 29500:2008 (see SC 34 N 1202 and SC 34 N 1234):

The ballot closed and passed. However, concern was raised that as the proposed new work item was to produce a document containing only non-normative text, perhaps it should not be an amendment. (JTC 1 Directives, §15.5.2: “An amendment is issued to publish a technical addition or change.”) A TR Type 3 seems like a better fit, and ITTF does allow such TRs to be made freely available. Separately, it was noted that the proposer of the work item declined to participate in its work or to make a submission, and there was a general lack of support for participation.

There was general agreement by the attendees that this effort should not result in an amendment. And there was consensus that the following resolution be forwarded to SC 34 Plenary:

SC 34 notes that SC 34 N 1202, “New Work Item Proposal on Amendments to ISO/IEC 29500-1/4: 2008, Technical differences between ECMA-376: 2006 and ISO/IEC 29500:2008”, has received sufficient approval. Noting that an amendment involves addition or change to a standard, and the end product of this new work item is completely non-normative, SC 34 resolves that, based on the resolution of National Body comments contained in SC34 N 1234, this work item be added to the SC 34 Program of work as development of a Type 3 Technical Report. SC 34 also notes that the French NB has withdrawn its offer to provide a Project editor, and that no contribution has been submitted on this work. SC 34 invites its NBs to consider offering a Project Editor or making a contribution prior to next SC 34 meeting, so that the work on the Technical Report Type 3 can start at that time.

2. Attribute unqualification:

Shawn estimated what he thought would be involved editorially in resolving this issue. It is significantly more than what went into the namespace change.

Members then discussed about whether or not to request a subdivision of our project to produce a pair of amendments (for Parts 1 and 4) to address this issue. They decided against doing so at this time.

Some members thought that our scarce resources would be kept very busy with the ISO 8601 work proposed by GB, so we should not take on any other non-trivial tasks at this time.

3. ISO Dates:

Gareth presented a set of slides.

After some discussion, Murata-san concluded that the following issues needed addressing:

- 1) Whether we should continue to use ISO dates in Transitional
- 2) Subsetting of ISO dates
- 3) Fixing the definitions of quite a few functions in SML.

Action: Gareth will submit a revised version of his slides for posting as a committee document.

Action: Shawn, Mohamed, and Dave will help Gareth prepare to discuss this topic at the next teleconference.

4. CORs and Amendments for the remaining the defect reports:

- a. There was consensus that WG4 forward a request to SC 34 for a project subdivision for a new amendment regarding ISO 8601 date-related issues, including subsetting of 8601 and fixing numerous SML functions. Francis took an action item to draft a resolution and circulate it to WG4 for discussion.

During the subsequent debate, CA and GB stated that the resolution of this matter was important and urgent, and the resolution should definitely go in its own amendment set.

After some discussion, there was consensus that we should continue working on a technical solution, and that we have a draft ready by the March 2010 meeting, at which time we would ask SC 34 for a subdivision for this work.

- b. There was consensus that WG4 forward a request to SC 34 for a project subdivision for a new amendment set (for Parts 1, 2, and 4) to handle any DR resolutions that change/add functionality, just like we did for amendment set 1.

Rex took an action item to draft a resolution and circulate it to WG4 for discussion. During the subsequent debate, there was consensus that we should delay asking for a project subdivision until the March 2010 meeting.

Kimura-san noted that we already had a project authorized for Part 2, Amd 1, which we didn't use, so, in March, we need ask only for two new amendments, for Parts 1 and 4.

5. Amendments vs. Revisions:

Kimura-san gave a presentation on the impact of the JTC 1 Directives revision, which is expected to take [affect](#)[effect](#) in June 2010. One implication is that after two change-documents (either COR or AMD) to a base standard, a new edition will be required.

We discussed the impact of the using the ISO Directives in future, especially with regard to the meaning of "edition" of a standard versus "revision".

The problem we are looking to solve is how to get a consolidated version of the standard produced without making it a revision.

Ecma has no documents equivalent to Technical Corrigenda or Amendments. As such, when these are published, Ecma will publish a new edition of its Standard. Given that, there was consensus that the ISO and Ecma editions be synchronized as closely as possible, so users of the standards can avoid having to

chose between the ISO/IEC and Ecma editions.

Action: Rex will discuss with ITTF representatives about our plans for future CORs and Amds, to see if we can publish a consolidated edition *without* having to re-ballot, and *without* having to conform to the ISO Part 2 style guide. That is, get clarification that a new edition is not considered to be a revision.

12. Other Business

- a. WC3 requested us to review their Candidate Recommendation [1], "Widgets 1.0: Packaging and Configuration" (23 July 2009), in their liaison letter [2].

[1] <http://dev.w3.org/2006/waf/widgets/>

[2] <http://www.itscj.ipsj.or.jp/sc34/def/1267.htm>

Mohamed reported on this project.

Action: Murata-san will study [1] and prepare a response.

- b. Jesper's feedback on the use of assembla

Jesper presented his paper.

The main limitation of assembla seems to be the lack of rich text support, which makes it unsuitable for storing most DR responses.

Action: Rex will make Jesper's paper a committee document. ([Done, see N 0089](#))

Rex mentioned that he's looking at using 29500-related technology as the vehicle for solving the growing DR log size, which seems to be the main problem. If each DR is stored in a separate WordprocessingML file having custom controls to store each field, then members can programmatically manipulate the data in a DR in any way they want, including interfacing with other search/retrieval systems, including SpreadsheetML.

Action: Rex will report back on his investigation.

We revisited this topic on Tuesday, at which time Murata-san gave a demo and requested members to try the system.

Action: Murata-san and Shawn will identify a small set of DRs for a detailed trial run with assembla.

- c. [Host facilities and support: We neglected to thank the meeting host and social event sponsor at the end of our meeting. So, on behalf of WG4, the Convener and Secretariat thank the US National Body for the invitation to meet in Bellevue and for the provision of excellent meeting facilities, and to Microsoft for hosting several social events.](#)

13.Future meetings

Face-to-Face Meetings:

The schedule is as follows:

1. 2009-12-01/03, Paris, FR (in conjunction with WG1, WG5, and, possibly, Ad Hoc 3)
2. 2010-03-22/25, Stockholm, SE (in conjunction with the SC 34 plenary)
3. 2010-06-14/16, Helsinki, FI (in conjunction with WG5)
4. 2010-09-20/23 or 2010-09-27/30 (exact dates to be decided), ZA (in conjunction with the SC 34 plenary)
5. 2010-12-06/10 or 2010-12-13/17 (exact dates to be decided), tentative offer from CN

Teleconferences:

[See <http://www.timeanddate.com/worldclock/meeting.html> for translation of GMT to your time zone. See WG4 document N 0021 for call-in details.]

The schedule is as follows:

1. 2009-10-01, 13:00 GMT
2. 2009-10-15, 13:00 GMT
3. 2009-10-29, 13:00 GMT
4. 2009-11-12, 13:00 GMT

14.Adjournment

Adjourned by unanimous consent at 12:00 on Tuesday.